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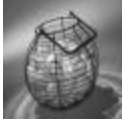
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand was slow to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient to at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to instances moderate. Food service demand was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	42-45	LARGE	20-29 24
LARGE	38-47	40-43	MEDIUM	15-21 19
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	SMALL	9-13

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were reported as fully adequate to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to reduced schedules. Demand was noted as light and unaggressive. Spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for a fair to instances fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal entering the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-62	51-54
LARGE	43-57	50-52
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to available for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	41.5-50	43-46

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient to at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-65.25	49-52
LARGE	46-62.25	47-50
MEDIUM	40.5-54.25	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-61
LARGE	55-59
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-54	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-47
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 13 cents lower on jumbo, 13-14 cents lower on extra large, 13-15 cents lower on large, and 13-14 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 22% higher than last Monday with California up 23% and Oregon-Washington- Utah up 21%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best where features were planned. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 13 cents lower on jumbo, 14 cents lower on extra large, 15 cents lower on large, and 14 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 23% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate, better where features planned. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 57.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	84
MEDIUM	77

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 10, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 03, 2006 were 248,901 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	211,543	37,358	248,901

% change from the prior week.....	+3	-26	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was still somewhat light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were still satisfied with regular commitments and current inventories. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-26	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for an adequate supply of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
06-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.01
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
06-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEBRUARY 06, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	24.3	6.2	24.7	13.8
	Change	0.5	1.9	-2.3	9.3	1.6
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.0	74.2	11.8	30.5	37.1
	Change	-4.8	-0.2	-2.2	6.2	0.8
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	144.6	58.1	96.6	122.4
	Change	-3.2	-16.2	-8.9	10.7	30.8
Medium	Curr Wk	15.9	67.8	13.3	25.0	31.7
	Change	4.4	18.2	-0.5	1.4	2.9
Small	Curr Wk	7.5	11.6	9.0	5.7	11.7
	Change	-0.8	3.4	8.8	0.4	0.3
Misc	Curr Wk	1.8	36.9	8.8	11.9	5.3
	Change	-0.5	4.8	1.1	-1.3	0.9
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.3	60.6	34.2	27.3	35.2
	Change	2.4	0.0	2.4	-3.3	9.1
Total	Curr Wk	120.4	420.0	141.4	221.7	257.2
Percent	Change	-2%	3%	-1%	12%	22%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1160.7	7%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	229.0	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1389.7	5%	203

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 03, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 11.25**FUTURE LOADS** 2.50**TOTAL LOADS** 13.75

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.50	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	50.00	—	—	—	—	61.25	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	39.00	34.50	36.00	3.00	GL W MD	28.00	—	—	—	—	35.75	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	29.00	32.00	—	—	1.75								
GL W MD	—	—	28.33	30.67	—	—	3.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/30/06-02/03/06**CURRENT LOADS** 100.75**FUTURE LOADS** 58.50**TOTAL LOADS** 159.25

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.50	—	34.38	33.75	—	—	8.00	GL W J	51.25	—	—	—	—	63.13	6.00
GL W J	—	—	46.25	48.00	49.75	56.00	6.00	GL W XL	32.13	38.26	—	—	—	45.67	22.50
GL W XL	—	41.60	42.88	41.53	33.38	35.38	58.25	GL W LG	33.00	42.42	—	45.67	—	43.81	24.75
GL W LG	—	40.27	34.82	38.00	30.63	29.00	23.00	GL W MD	29.25	—	—	36.00	—	35.92	7.00
GL W MD	37.00	41.33	31.71	29.56	24.75	36.75	13.75	GL W SM	18.00	22.00	—	—	—	26.25	2.00
GL W SM	30.75	32.75	32.25	34.00	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	23.00	25.75	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	24.00	25.88	22.40	27.09	39.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.50	21.88	24.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/30/06	01/23/06	01/31/05
PACIFIC COAST	104	104	462
LOS ANGELES	100	100	454

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on smalls; lower on the balance. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is poor.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	66.86
LARGE	63.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	51.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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